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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 25, 1975

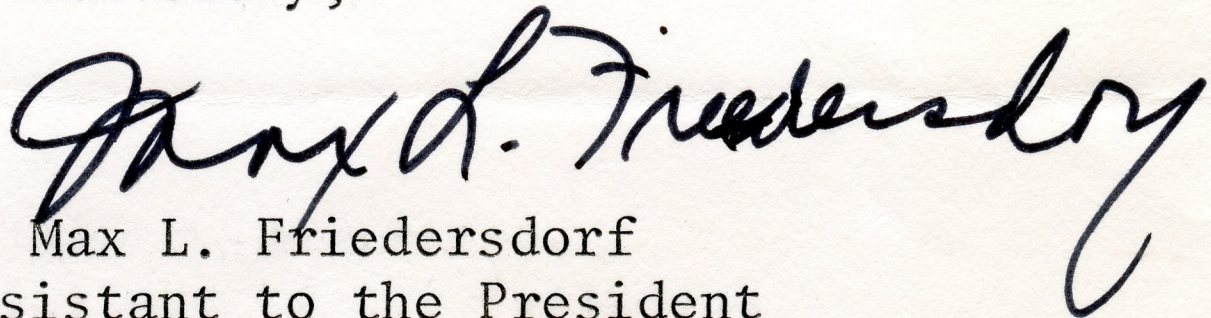
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of November 19, in which you and your colleagues expressed concern that nothing be done to compromise the freedom of the Republic of China. I will bring the letter immediately to the President's attention. I know he will appreciate knowing your thoughts as he prepares for his forthcoming trip to Peking and will give full consideration to your views in weighing any future decisions relating to this issue.

As you know, the policy of the Administration toward the People's Republic of China has been based on the principles of the Shanghai Communique and a recognition of the importance of normalizing relations between the United States and the world's most populous nation. Such a policy, the President believes, is in the best interest of the American people. At the same time, however, I assure you this policy will reflect a prudent and responsible regard for the interests of America's traditional friends and allies.

The President values your willingness to share your views with him in confidence and is grateful for the support and assistance you have given him in the past.

Sincerely,


Max L. Friedersdorf
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The Honorable James O. Eastland
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